

Board Meeting Coventry Fire, Anthony District

Wednesday August 15, 2012

Board members in attendance Gary Cote-chair, Shirley Matthews -co-chair, Jim Beckman, Peter

Pankowlcz, and louis Cote. Also in attendance Chief Iabbadia, Deputy Chief Robert Warren, and Tom

Lacolle.

Meeting called to order at 7:10 P.M.

AGENDA:

1) Emergency evacuation procedure

2) Roll call

3) Approval of minutes of the previous meeting held on July 11, 2012.

louis Cote made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Jim Beckman. All in favor, motion carries.

Chairman's report: none

Gary Cote asked Jeanne Lukowicz for clarification as to the percentage of collectable evaluations.

Jeanne lukowicz told Gary that the figure includes back taxes owed, and collected. Gary Cote stated

that it is actually the percentage of collectable taxes because this figure includes back taxes that were

collected. Gary Cote asked Jeanne lukowicz to word it as a percentage of collectable taxes not

collectable valuations on next month's tax report.

Tax office report prepared by Jean Lukowicz and read by Gary Cote.

Taxes collected to date

\$1,722,835.20. Interest collected to date \$66,502.01. Total collected tax and interest collected is

\$1,789,337.21. The third quarter is now over. The fourth quarter is not due until October 31,2012. We

have collected 85 of our collectable valuation. The tax sale is scheduled for October 11, 2012. The

total collected from legal letters to date is \$97,260.59. The total collected from legal fees paid by the

taxpayers is \$21,975.00.

Louis Cote made a motion to accept the tax office report as read, seconded by Peter Pankowicz. All in

favor, motion carries.

Gary Cote turned over the meeting to the Chief. The Chief mentioned that he had met with Central's

Board and stated his case and what he was requesting. His recommendation is to let Central fix

themselves and our district would not be part ofthe process. Central has hired an interim Chief, who is

from Johnston. The Chief stated that is in our best interest not to get involved. Gary Cote stated that he

was happy that the Chief is staying with our district. He was conSidering resigning had the Chief taken

the position with Central, but really doesn't want to leave. Gary Cote stated to the Chiefthat we laid

out what we wanted and it didn't work with what central wanted.

Jim Beckman asked why there was no executive session listed on the agenda. Gary Cote said that if he wanted an executive session we could always call a special meeting. Shirley Matthews stated that Joanne has a template that she goes by and the executive session isn't on it. Jim Beckman stated that we should probably put it on the agenda and we could always take it off if it is not needed. The Chief said that he thought that if an executive session was listed it had to have in Pursuant to with a reason listed. Gary Cote said that the agenda didn't have to have that listed, as long as the person or people involved are notified with the correct reason. The Chief wanted to discuss the fact that Tom Iacolle, the treasurer for the district was hospitalized and payroll had been an issue. The chief thought that we could hire a payroll company to conduct that part of the accounting and Tom Iacolle would still pay all the bills and everything else, including being part of the annual meeting. Gary Cote has no problem with using a payroll company because he feels that the fireman should be paid on time. The Chief said that he looked into a payroll company called Paymaster and they estimated it would be between \$1,200.00 to \$1,400.00. Gary Cote asked if that \$1,400.00 was annually and if they offered direct deposit. The Chief stated that is

was annually and they do offer direct deposit for an additional fee. Gary Cote stated that as a board member he has no problem using a payroll company. The only issue is that Tom Iacolle has an employment agreement that requires him to do certain things for a certain price. He thought that we would have to rewrite Tom Iacolle's contract and deduct the cost of the payroll company from Tom Iacolle's contract. Tom Iacolle stated that he has no problem re-writing his contract. Tom Iacolle requested that any payroll company interested in bidding on the job call him so he can explain all the different withholding obligations we have in our contracts with some employees, because it can be very confusing and he wants them to fully understand what needs to be done before they submit a bid. Tom Iacolle mentioned that we have . employees that are exempt from certain withholdings. Gary Cote suggested that all bids be sent to Tom Iacolle before any bids submitted. Gary Cote asked the Chief to have any recommendations for the next meeting, so we can make sure the fire fighters get paid. Shirley Matthews stated that they use a payroll company in Central. Tom Iacolle said that they do, but they have no exceptions in their district. The Chief stated that it would only be payroll and Tom Iacolle would still

continue paying the bills. Gary

Cote asked Tom if he would still represent the district at the annual meeting and Tom Iacolle said yes.

louis Cote said he supports the idea. Shirley Matthews made a motion to adjourn the meeting,

seconded by louis Cote. All in favor, motion carries meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Perry, clerk